Parathiyan, a poisonous chemical which, after coming in contact with air, produces poinsonous gas and it is very difficult to control the fire which ultimately can cause blast in the tanks;

(d) if so, the details of Government's steps taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Salt of Betamethasone Sodium

3044. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Betamethasone Sodium is the lorgest selling salt of M/s. Glaxo and it was price decontrolled on the bosis of false claims;

(b) what are the basis on which drug was price-decontrolled and when;

(c) what was the sales turn over of formulations of Glaxo, based on this drug per annum after price decontrol;

(d) whether it is a fact that while fixing prices of other two salts o Betamethasone, 50 per cent cost saving which was wrongly shown, was added to the price and what are the full details and the cost saving was with reference to which data and whether it was actual or normative adopted by the BICP; and

(e) what are the drugs for which the company commenced production during the last three years and what is the present price and production during the last three years and what is the present price and production per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The bulk drug Betamethasone Di-Sodium Phosphate and the formulations based thereon produces by MIs. Glaxo, were exemped from price control under DPCO, 1987 on the 28th February, 1992 on the basis of indigenous development of the process. The details like the sales turnover of formulation fo individual companies are not monitored by this Ministry.

(d) Such benefit was not allowed.

(e) Details asked for, are not being monitored by this Ministry.

Amendments in DPCO, 1987

3045. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Deptt. of Legal Affairs have advised the Ministry of Chemicals and Fetilizers to make amendments to DPCO, 1987, so as to bring povisions of Paragraphs 7 and 4 of DPCO 1979 into DPCO, 1987;

(b) when was this advice obtained and why Ministry is silent on this issue;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this advice has not been brought to notice of the seniors; and

(d) who is sitting over this advice and what action has been taken to make necessary amendments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Bagdogra Airport

3046. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TORISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for the development of Bagdogra airport is going to be executed shortly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Bagdogra airport belongs to the Air Force; National Airports Authority (NAA) is maintaining a Civil Enclave. NAA has a proposal to expand and modernise the existing terminal building. An amount of Rs. 4 crores has been allocated for this purpose in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Contract to private party in Ashok Hotel, New Delhi

3047. SHRI N. P BALARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the restaurants in Ashok Hotel, New Delhi has been leased out or given on contract to a private party;

(b) if so, the name, address and previous experience of the party to whom contract has been given: and

(c) the details of the contract, including the service conditions applicable to the employees working in the restaurant?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A Chinese Restaurant, named 'Jewel of the East' of Ashok Hotel has been licensed to M/s Klass Associates, H-15, Vijay Nagar, New Delhi. The party is reported to possess 25 years' experience in hospitality industry by way of managing/owning a number of restaurants.

(c) The salient features of terms and conditions of the contract are:—

1. The licence is valid for 3 years commencing from 16 Oct. 93.

2. Ashok Hotel will get 36 per cent of restaurants' turnover subject to minimum guaranteed amount of Rs. 3.57 lakhs per month.

3. While the hotel would provide infrastructural facilities, it would be the responsibility of the licencee to arrange for operational requirements including kitchen and service staff and ensure compliance of all statutory and legal rtquirements applicable to the staff.

Staff strength in Ashok Hotel, New Delhi

3048. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the sanctioned staff strength of workmen category as well as officers category in Ashok Hotel, New Delhi with the total strength of each category; and

(b) the number of employees/officers in each category, vacant posts in each category of workmen as well as officers as on the 31st January, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Necessary information is given as under:—

Category	No. of posts of executives	No. of posts of non-executives	Total No. of posts
Sanctioned strength	103	1586	1689
Incumkency Position	90	1225	1315
Vacancy Position	13	361	374